

have four children—Zachary Howard, Randall Conner, Moonwater and Tai Stillwater—and six grandchildren. In her spare time, Mrs. Moon enjoys reading, yoga, traveling and playing the flute.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Li Moon, who has dedicated her life and career to make Hillsborough's school the best they can be for our children. Plato once said, "The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future life." Mrs. Moon has put hundreds of men and women on the path to success. My daughter today is a vibrant and successful sophomore, thanks in part to Mrs. Moon, an exceptional teacher and human being.

COMMEMORATING THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, on April 24th we commemorate the Armenian Genocide—the deportation, forced march and massacre of 1.5 million innocent Armenians at the hands of the Ottoman Turks nearly a century ago. In what has become a bitter annual ritual for Armenian-Americans and those who stand with them, we once again call upon the Obama Administration and the United States Congress to formally and officially recognize the Armenian Genocide as a tragic and unambiguous fact of history. Such recognition is critical to fortifying America's moral standing in the international community and, as we prepare in the coming year to mark the 100th anniversary of this tragedy, is long and painfully overdue.

CONGRATULATING MIKE JAWSON ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM USGS

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mike Jawson on his retirement from the United States Geological Survey (USGS). Mike has served as Center Director for the USGS Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center in La Crosse, WI for the past nine years. During this time, Mike has repeatedly shown his dedication to his field and his strong leadership capabilities.

Mike's background is indicative of both his strong ties to Wisconsin, and his commitment to his field. Mike earned a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, a Master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a Ph.D. from Washington State University. In the past, Mike has worked for the Dept. of Defense as a Chemist, for the USDA-ARS as a Soil Scientist, for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as an associate professor, for the EPA-Kerr Research Center as Branch Chief, and for the George Washington Carver Center as a National Program Leader and working with the National Climate Change Office.

In 2005, Mike returned to Wisconsin to become Center Director at USGS in La Crosse.

In this capacity, Mike managed the multi-disciplinary program of biological research, directing 11 different science teams, each with dynamic personalities and varied skill sets. As a leader of the science component of the Upper Mississippi River Restoration's Long Term Resource Monitoring Program, Mike was able to secure and implement funding for facility improvements and several new restoration projects. Additionally, Mike was able to host the first Center visits of U.S. Senators AMY KLOBUCHAR and TAMMY BALDWIN, and then-Governor Jim Doyle. Mike's accomplishments with the USGS will not soon be forgotten and his hard work and dedication will be missed.

As the Representative of western and central Wisconsin, I care deeply about issues related to the environment, natural resources, and the Mississippi River. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Mike for his passionate work addressing natural resource management and science information needs for the Great Lakes and Upper Mississippi ecosystems.

IN HONOR OF KENNETH BATEMAN BEING NAMED OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE YEAR BY THE SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Kenneth Bateman, the President and Chief Executive Officer of Somerset Medical Center, who has been named Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Somerset County, New Jersey, Business Partnership.

Ken is a mainstay of the Somerset community where his contributions to the county, its residents and the New Jersey life sciences sector have improved the lives of many. Under his leadership, the Somerset Medical Center has experienced tremendous growth, expanding and encompassing new missions and endeavors that have made the facility a premier regional medical center.

Ken and the Somerset Medical Center have invested in the community by building new state-of-the-art facilities which have made Somerset a healthier and better place to live and raise a family.

I congratulate Kenneth Bateman for his well-earned recognition.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH J. WENDA

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, Joseph J. Wenda, a Middletown Township resident and former township supervisor, passed away on April 24, 2014 after a long illness. He was 55 years old, a father and brother, who also will be remembered fondly by his relatives and many friends. Joe was soft-spoken and humble in his demeanor, but strongly dedicated to public service and his community. An elected township supervisor who served with distinc-

tion, he was respected and admired for his hard work and thoughtful decision-making. He was a man of integrity who treated his associates with equal and sincere interest and respected all points of view. He was first elected supervisor in 1996 and held office until 2001. Although he was often asked to seek re-election or a higher office, he chose to remain active in community and civic affairs, serving with equal dedication. Joe Wenda will be remembered throughout the community he loved for his contribution and his service—and he will be missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF DARYL IDLER, HENRY GAMBOA AND ROBERT RODRIGUEZ OF EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the unselfish contribution of Henry Gamboa, Robert Rodriguez and Daryl Idler and to recognize their tireless support of the patients of Balboa Naval Medical Center San Diego.

For eight consecutive years, the ownership of the Cottonwood Golf Club, 3121 Willow Glen Road, El Cajon, CA, has consistently and generously donated their two 18-hole golf courses, golf carts, equipment, staff and their time for the success of the annual Duncan L. Hunter Wounded Marines Golf Classic. Their contribution represents as much as \$15,000 annually in lost revenue, employee salaries and miscellaneous expenses for the day of the tournament, as well as the weeks and months of preparation prior to the actual event.

Because of their dedication to the patients at Balboa, more than a quarter million dollars have been raised during the eight-year history of the tournament. This year's classic is the largest to date in terms of numbers participating and in dollars raised, expected to exceed \$75,000.

Always family oriented, Cottonwood Golf Club has the same small-town values that make the course such a great place to play. Some of the biggest events in East San Diego County that are inspired by their family values include the previously mentioned Duncan L. Hunter Wounded Marines Tournament, the Mother Goose Parade Tournament, the Jack-a-Lopes Classic and a wide variety of local and regional community and charitable events.

What makes the Duncan L. Hunter Wounded Marines Golf Classic truly unique is the fact that every dollar raised goes directly for patient's care. Armed Services, YMCA, a 501c3 not-for-profit organization, administer the Restricted fund, meaning every penny goes for the patient's creature comforts.

As the Congressman whose district includes the Cottonwood Golf Club, I am proud to have the honor and privilege of representing these businessmen and their great business. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Henry, Robert, Daryl and everyone at Cottonwood Golf Club for continuing to demonstrate to all of us that caring for those who defend our freedom is more than words, it's a commitment to following through on what needs to be done.